

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 17, 2006

The Honorable Linda Lingle
Governor of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Lingle:

I have declared a major disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), for the State of Hawaii due to damage resulting from an earthquake that occurred on October 15, 2006, and related aftershocks. I have authorized Federal relief and recovery assistance in the affected area.

Assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct Federal assistance under the Public Assistance program, and Hazard Mitigation will be provided. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs in the designated areas.

The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will coordinate Federal assistance efforts and designate specific areas eligible for such assistance. The Federal Coordinating Officer will be Mr. Michael L. Karl of FEMA. He will consult with you and assist in the execution of the FEMA-State Agreement for disaster assistance governing the expenditure of Federal funds.

Sincerely,



George W. Bush